ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

On Wednesday morning I managed to sneak out of the office for a wee while and rather than being in the school hall, I actually thought I'd been transported to Waterside Theatre! I'm sure those of you who came to watch the Y4/5 performance will agree with me that it was just fabulous! It was great to see everyone taking part and really embrace the whole experience. The singing was beautiful and we definitely have some budding comedians and actors in our midst! Well done to all the children for their brilliant efforts and to all the staff involved in putting it all together – quite a challenge!

Our Y3 children did a great job this week on their Road Safety Campaign. Please see below for details. I really hope all parents take note of their advice and make it a safer area for everyone.

Year 1 braved the chilly weather today and re-enacted the Great Fire of London on the field with much excitement.

We have just had confirmation that the County Cross Country Championships that were scheduled for tomorrow, have been cancelled due to water-logged conditions. I know this will be so disappointing for our running squad, but a new date will arranged for after the Easter holidays and we will share this will you as soon as it is confirmed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 17th March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Pants!
Thursday 30th March – Author Visit to Foundation, Y1, Y2 and Y3.
Friday 21st April – Y4 Class Assembly
Friday 5th May – Y3 Class Assembly
Friday 19th May – Y2 Class Assembly
Thursday 25th May – Grandparents Assembly 2.45pm – Foundation & KSI only
Wed 7th June – KS1 Sports Day
Thurs 8th June – KS2 Sports Day
Friday 9th June – Y1 Class Assembly
Friday 23rd June – Foundation Class Assembly
Friday 14th July – Y5 Class Assembly

***** Please note the change of date for the Year 5 Class Assembly – this will now be on 14th July rather than 24TH March*****

INSET DAYS

Please see below for the dates of Inset Days for the next academic year. These can also be found on our website: https://www.st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk/Parents/Term-Dates/

Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 4th September 2023
Friday 20th October 2023
Friday 9th February 2024
Friday 24th May 2024

ABSENCE

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the office via phone/email/ text prior to 9.15am. Please confirm on every consecutive day they will be absent, until they return. Please note: If we do not know the reason by 9.15am, a text will be sent to you and any unexplained absences will be reported as unauthorised.

If they have suffered from vomit or diarrhoea, please do not return your child until **48 hours** since their last episode.

Please also note that if your child is on a course of anti-biotics, we are able to administer the medication if they are prescribed 4 doses per day. The medication must be delivered to the office by a parent and a medical consent form completed before we can administer the anti-biotics.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners can be ordered via Parent Pay.

The deadline for booking is a **Tuesday at midnight, 2 weeks in advance**. If you require a Special/Medical Diet Menu please contact the office.

If you need to cancel a school dinner after the deadline, you must give 48 hours' notice and call Chartwells on 01908 615705 or email creativekitchenadmin2@comp.

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please book your sessions for Breakfast and After School Clubs via Parentpay before midnight on Thursday for the following week.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

We recently did an assembly about the exceptional life journey of the man who founded the Emmaus Community – a charity and community network providing services to the homeless. The more we looked into the story lying behind it, the more I, for one, was amazed by the sheer number of different things in relatively quick succession that had happened to the person who started it all off, a man called Abbé Pierre. Sometimes particular examples of conviction and perseverance, adapting to many changing circumstances as they are encountered, can lead to global movements that begin with the life, outlook and faith of just one person. As we live in a world in which it is more often emphasized (or just plainly apparent) how much far-reaching damage one person can do, it is very important to remember the huge good that we are also capable of, even if we don't start out thinking that we are in any way extraordinary, nor deliberately aiming to be. In fact, perhaps the most enduring changes for the better have been made by those who weren't in fact aiming to be famous, or widely noticed, and examples like Abbé Pierre and Gladys Aylward (who we spoke about in an assembly before half term) are particularly inspiring perhaps for exactly that reason.

All best wishes
Andrew Krauss

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Claudia, Lilia, Hayden
Year 1	Jacob, Siena, Ruby
Year 2	Sam, Samuel, Shore
Year 3	Jacob, Blake, Luke
Year 4	Isla, Edward, Rosie
Year 5	Emmie, Teddy, Jamie
Year 6	Oliver H, Lottie, Eden

DO SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY!

COMIC RELIEF DAY – FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

WEAR YOUR PANTS DAY IS COMING TO ST MICHAELS!

Children are invited to wear non-uniform with pants accessories!

- **Pants on your head**
- **Pants over your clothes**
- **Both on your head AND over your clothes!**
- **Wear your PE shorts on your head or over your clothes if you prefer, but basically just embrace a little silliness for the day.**

Parents will be able to make a donation direct to Comic Relief via Parentpay if they wish. Please click on the link below to make your donation.

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11215

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ATTENDANCE AWARD

Oooo it was close this week! Just 0.02% between Year 4 and Year 5. Congratulations to Y5 who achieved 99% attendance this week and won the cup by a whisker.

YEAR 3 CAKE SALE

Who loves a bit of cake on a Friday?
It's the Year 3's who will be tempting everyone with some sweet treats on Friday 24th March and raising funds for their classroom.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN

I had the privilege of watching the Year 4 and 5 performance on Monday. Throughout the play, I was struck not only by the high quality of the performance itself but also the joy, exuberance, confidence and dedication all involved showed, in abundance. It was brilliant and the school audience were mesmerised. Every single person played a significant part in making it brilliant. The children involved knew that they had made something fantastic happen. It has made me think about how we can help children know for themselves, when they make something really good happen in in everyday life at school and at home. A phrase I learnt from Mrs Parker, that I use all the time now, that seems to help with self- esteem is this:

"I love the way that you....".

It could be:

- *"I love the way that you are having another go at that calculation";*
- *"I love the way that you asked for help when you were stuck";*
- *"I love the way that you listened all the way through today";*
- *"I love the way that you were kind to your sister";*
- *Even a very small thing "I love the way that you made eye contact for a moment".*
- *Even when a child has had to have some clear guidance on their behaviour, " I love the way that you are just starting to turn this around."*

All of these little noticing moments build up and really seem to help children. Eventually it becomes that the children, as they mature, do the noticing and commenting themselves. This week I worked with a child who said "I love the way that way that I am brave and keep going even when I think it's really difficult."

So I am passing it on for you to try.

Best wishes as always
H Hann
Twitter: @MrsHannStMSch

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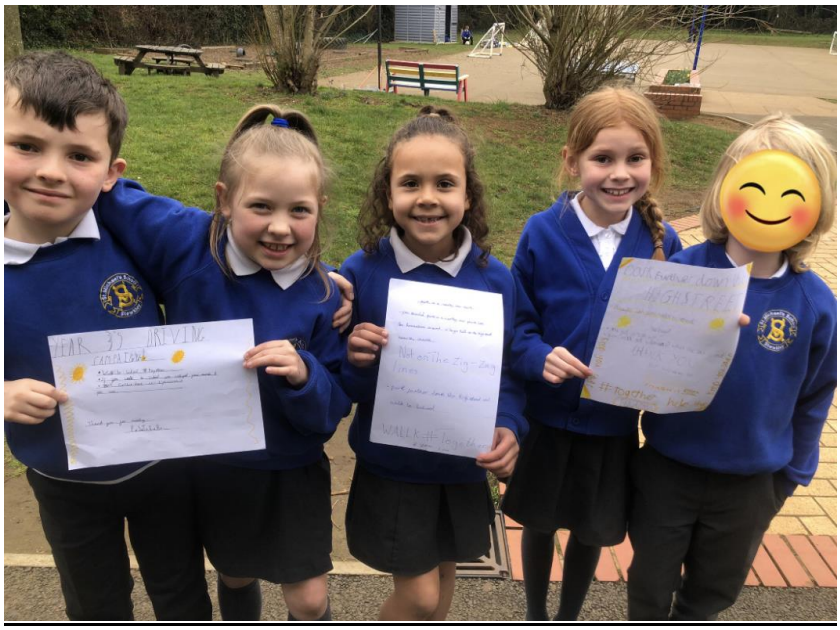
YEAR 3 TRAVEL CAMPAIGN

Year 3 were monitoring the traffic situation at the start of the day one day last week. Please have a read through their advice.

Please can all adults make sure that you don't drop your children off on the yellow, zigzag lines at the entrance of the school. Also, please drive slowly. These actions will keep pedestrians, including ourselves, safe. Please:

- Walk to school #together if you can
- Park in a nearby car park
- Park further down the High Street and walk

Thank you for helping to keep us safe.



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THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON – YEAR 1

Mrs Toland and Year 1 re-created The Great Fire of London this afternoon, much to the delight of the children.

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MARIE CURIE DAFFODILS

Y6 children have done a great job of selling the Marie Curie daffodil badges this week. In fact they have done such a good job that we have had to order some more! Hopefully we will have some more in stock again next week so no one is disappointed. Thank you to everyone who has bought one so far. They are £1 each.

ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

This Year 4 superstar has had a great time recently – last weekend she took part in a rugby tournament as part of the Alliance Festival and then she was awarded a merit pass for her LAMDA exam of entry level verse and prose through Miss Holly's musical theatre.
Well done! Everyone at St Michael's is so proud of you. (and I love that rugby action shot!)

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Thomley Easter Holiday HAF

We are delighted to be offering the Holidays and Food Programme again this Easter for Buckinghamshire families.

If you are in receipt of free school meals and live in Buckinghamshire, you can book in with Thomley over the Easter period and receive a funded visit for the day PLUS a sensory session PLUS a hot lunch meal included. We have the option to book transport/minibus at no extra cost.

Available dates for bookings: 3rd – 14th April.

For further information regarding Thomley and to book please visit www.thomley.org.uk

CAMPING PODS RAFFLE

You can also win a FREE stay, including dinner, breakfast, use of the centre the following day and lunch. To enter, please email: bookings@thomley.org.uk expressing your interest. Winner will receive a one-night stay in the Hare Hut on the Tuesday or Wednesday in either week of the Easter holidays. Winners picked at random and there are four total stays being funded.

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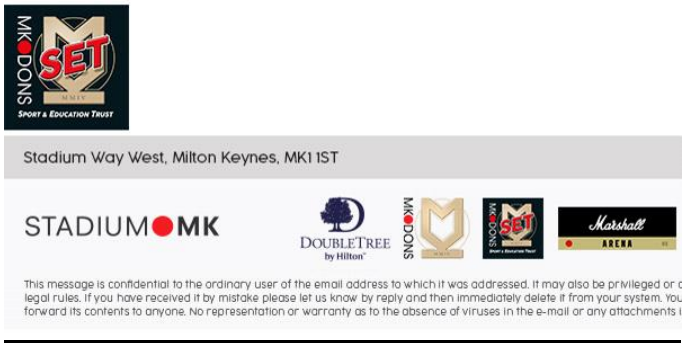

To commemorate **International Women's Day**, celebrating the successes and accomplishments of the Milton Keynes Dons FC Women – we are offering all students the opportunity to watch the FA Women's National League fixture, at Stadium MK against Crawley Wasps LFC.
The Dons' have enjoyed an excellent 2022-23 campaign, so far this season and are on-route to finishing with the highest-ever finish in the league, with forward Mollie Coupar hunting down the highest ever goal-scoring record, for a season, at Stadium MK.
The offer includes FREE access to the game – however, parents/guardians and any person(s) wishing to attend will be required to purchase additional tickets at £5.00 for adults, and £3.00 for Under 18s.
To access the offer, please complete the below form:
CLICK HERE - FREE ACCESS FORM
Also, to purchase additional tickets online, please follow the link below:
CLICK HERE - MK DONS FC WOMEN TICKETS

Let Buckinghamshire Council know how you check when a school is closed due to snow.

The existing school closures system on the Buckinghamshire Council website will shortly need to be replaced. Buckinghamshire Council are looking for feedback on how parents currently find out about school closures and how they might like to do this in the future.

Please can you take a short 2-minute survey letting them know how you would like to be informed about school closures.

https://forms.gle/SzGMokGAChQDfLQu5

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

It was a quiet week on the sporting front with many fixtures cancelled due to the weather, but the Y5 boys did manage their match against Brookmead last Friday afternoon before the snowy weather set in.

St Michael's Yr 5 Boys 0-2 Brookmead

Our year 5 boys team faces the strongest team from Brookmead last Friday in a tough league encounter. The first half was a real battle with the visitors peppering the St Michael's goal. However, Kian performed excellently in goal, pulling off some great saves and assisted by the tough tackling Seb and Jake in defence, St Michael's got to half time at 0-0.
Brookmead stole two quick goals at the start of the second half and then sat back defensively. Despite some great attacking play from our wingers Cameron and Teddy, and some great strikes from Harry. We just couldn't force a goal. Two more league games to go for year 5 until the end of a promising first season.
St Michael's - William, Given, Seb, Harry, Cameron, Teddy, Jake and Kian.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary